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1. In the last month, due to the prolongation of the rainy season, no paving was done in the Barranquilla-Cartagena sector.

2. Clearing of right-of-way, shoulder widening and base construction have continued to a point only 20 kilometers from Cartagena.

3. South of Cartagena, in Sector 2, new construction work at the Puente Honda and Turbaco line changes, and the reconstruction in the Turbaco-Arjona sections, have been moving along rapidly, being about 75 per cent complete at this point. This work was started in mid-October.

4. South from Gamboote for 350 kilometers, with the exception of the San Jorge bridge, maintenance work only is being done.

5. The Sector 5 grading spread is now working south of Caucasia towards Tarasa at a fast pace. During the month the 60 meter span over the Rio Man was opened to traffic. Also the 25 meter pony truss over the Zambo was completed. Work on the 25 meter span over the Garrib was started.

6. Quantities of work performed in the last month include the following:

Earth and rock moved	135,000 Cubic Meters
Concrete poured	425 " "
Bars placed	23,000 " "
Culverts placed	420 Lineal Meters

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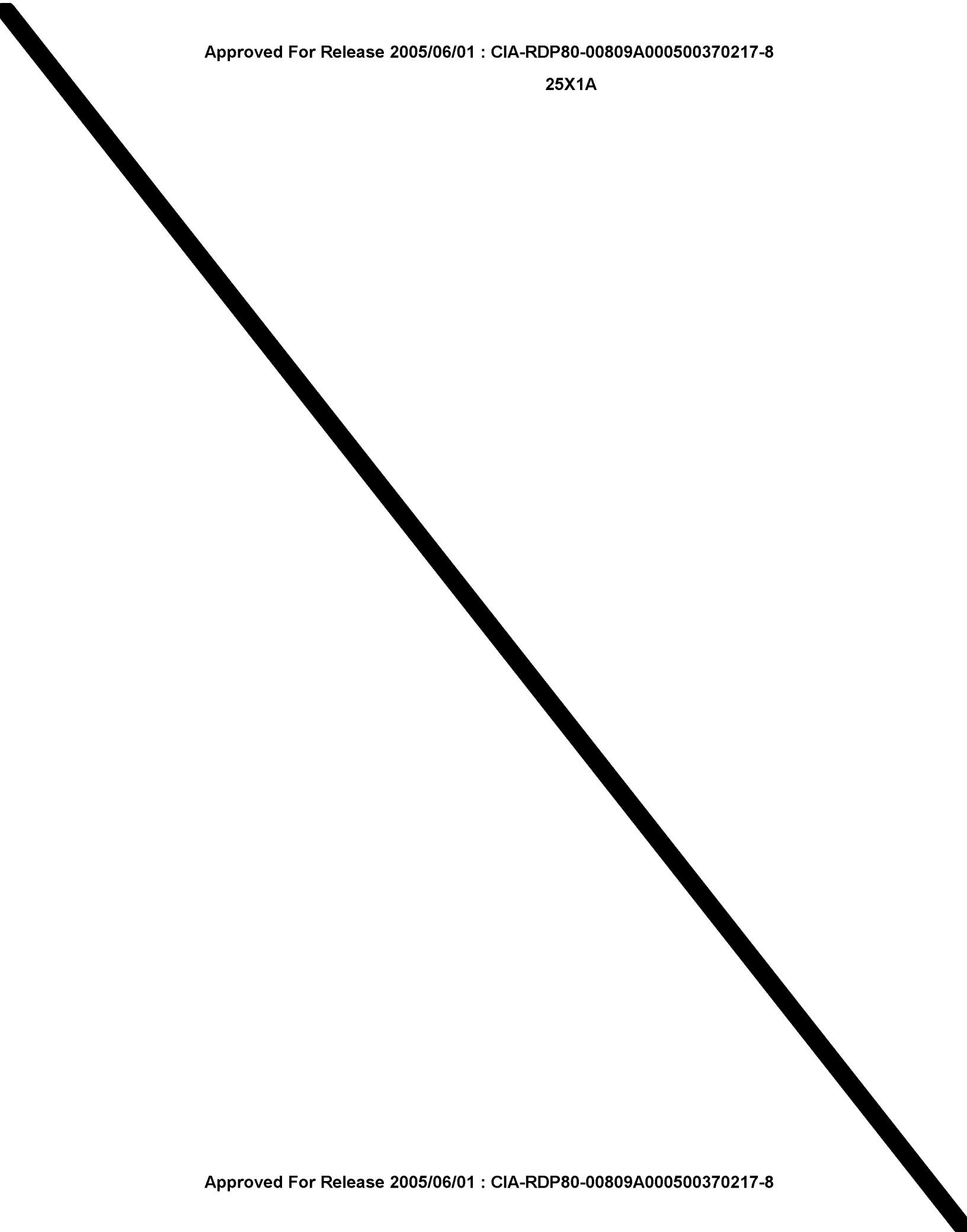

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